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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. FYI: MARCH 8, JOHN BREITENBERG CALLED TO SAY THAT HE AND REP. GILMAN ARE GOING TO TRY AGAIN TO VISIT MOSCOW, THIS TIME DURING THE SPRING RECESS ARRIVING O/A APRIL 7. ACCORDING TO BREITENBERG, SENATOR STONE MAY APPLY AGAIN FOR A VISA TO ACCOMPANY THEM. IF AND WHEN WE WANT YOU TO MAKE ANY EFFORTS ON THEIR BEHALF, WE WILL SEND YOU INSTRUCTIONS FRONT CHANNEL.

2. RE THE GALSTIAN FAMILY (MOSCOW 18474 AND MOSCOW 1012 PARA 4 AND 5): THE DIRECTOR OF VO ASKED US TO ELICIT FROM YOU A CABLE STATING WHY THE FAMILY SHOULD BE ACCEPTED FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRY AND TCP PROCESSING. OUR VIEW IS THAT THEY SHOULD BE ACCEPTED IN THE SAME WAY AS ANY OTHER SOVIET FAMILY WHICH HAS RECEIVED AN EXIT VISA FOR THE US, BUT INS
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CLAIMS THAT A SPECIAL CASE MUST BE MADE FOR THEM. INS NOTES THAT THEY VOLUNTARILY MOVED FROM IRAN TO THE USSR. PLEASE SEND IN A FRONT CHANNEL BRIEF FOLLOW UP TO MOSCOW 18474 WHICH DESCRIBES THE HARDSHIP THEY FACED IN THE USSR AND EXPLAINS WHY THEY SHOULD BE HELPED TO LEAVE AS REFUGEES. PLEASE INCLUDE SHUM IN THE TAG LINE; THE NEW D/HA LEADERSHIP IS ENERGETIC AND WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO MARSHALL SOME ADDITION-

AL SUPPORT THERE.

3. FOR DARRYL JOHNSON FROM MCCALL: PASSED YOUR MESSAGE TO ROPE WITH MISGIVING--WHICH HE SHARED IN RECEIVING IT. ANP HAS MADE PITCH FOR YOU BUT IT'S A PROBLEM OF GRADE AND YOU SHOULDN'T GET HOPE UP. ROPE JOB IS GOOD CHANCE GET SUPERVISORY TICKET PUNCHED. WE CAN ICE IT FOR A WEEK OR SO. WANT TO THINK AGAIN?

4. REF MOSCOW 2890: WE HAVE NEVER BEEN GIVEN ANY PRECISE REPORT OF WHAT THE SOVIETS SAID AT HIGH LEVEL ABOUT THE MCCLELLAN CASE. ONE VERSION WHICH WE RECEIVED AT LEAST FIFTH HAND WAS SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT THAT SHE AND HER MOTHER HAD BEEN CONNECTED WITH THE KGB. WE ARE TRYING TO GET CLARIFICATION OF KORNIYENKO'S COMMENTS TO YOU, BUT ARE NOT VERY HOPEFUL.

5. RE EARL MACK AND HIS FILM: WE WILL CONVEY SYMPATHY FOR HIS EFFORTS AND ADVISE HIM THAT QUESTION OF RECEPTION REMAINS OPEN. FOR THE RECORD, WE DID MEAN TO IMPLY THAT HE HAD CLAIMED EXPLICIT PROMISES OF "FULL SUPPORT." THE ACTUAL CONVERSATION WITH HIM WAS LONG AND RATHER CIRCUITOUS. BUT IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT HE PERCEIVES HIS PROJECT AS AN ALTRUISTIC CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD AFFAIRS AND HE INTERPRETED HIS EARLIER CONVERSATIONS AT THE EMBASSY AS WARM ENCOURAGEMENT. HE ASSERTS THAT IN COMMERCIAL TERMS HE WOULD BE BETTER OFF TO RELEASE THE FILM WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, AND NOT PAY THE SOVIETS A CENT. HE WOULD THUS JUSTIFY ADDED INVESTMENT OF TIME AND MONEY FOR TRIP ON THE BASIS OF POLITICAL IDEALISM (AUGMENTED, NO DOUBT, BY THE GLAMOUR
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APPEAL OF A SPASO RECEPTION).

6.RE PARA 2 MOSCOW 3054, EXPECT THAT PARTY WILL ELECT TO STAY IN LENIN HILLS. OUR LEADER'S WIFE IS COMING BUT THAT IS THE ONLY ONE I KNOW OF. PETER'S POSITION IS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT AND THE BOSS' RIGHT HAND MAN IN EVERY RESPECT.

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